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PRESS RELEASE BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, THE

HON. DON DUNSTAN, Q.C., M.P., JULY 16, 1968.

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"Statements by the L.C.L. concerning unemployment over the last two years - charging the State Labor Government with responsibility for it are now shown to be a complete sham," the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Dunstan, said today.

"It is an extraordinary thing for the Works Minister to say that the L.C.L. plan is working now, and the situation can only improve, when the unemployment rate is static at 1.7 per cent."

Mr. Dunstan said: "The Liberal Government can only do what the Labor Government has done to stimulate employment in South Australia."

"The State Government only has limited means of affecting the employment situation within this State because the major part of our production goes interstate and employment depends upon the state of interstate markets for our goods."

"The L.C.L. said that if they were elected to office they would 'get South Australia moving' again by a plan to improve employment."

"They did not say what their plan was, and the people of South Australia are still waiting", Mr. Dunstan said.

Mr. Dunstan said the Labor Government had proposed a definite plan for improving the situation in South Australia.

"The Labor Government would put into effect a long-term plan, which is the only one that can conceivably affect unemployment in South Australia."

Mr. Dunstan said: "This is what we tried to do when we introduced the Westlakes scheme with an investment of 80 million dollars in South Australia, and we would have been able to

stimulate the building industry although this would take 18 months to take effect."

"In addition," he said, "we undertook a complete and scientific survey through the international consultants we called in to ensure the development of South Australian industrial potential by advertising our industries so that we could get employment in South Australia, and not be so dependent upon Eastern States markets."

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